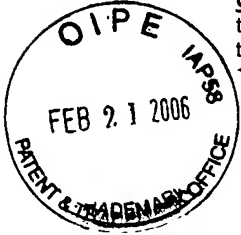



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In re Application of: Gregory Olaf Ness
For: INSTRUMENTS AND METHODS FOR ACCESSING AN ANATOMIC SPACE
Serial No.: 10/777,249
Filed: 02-12-2004



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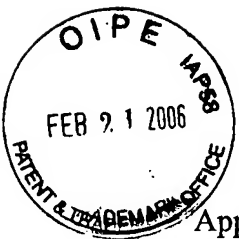
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- ☐ Applicant hereby petitions for a _____ months' extension of time. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this petition therefor.
- ☐ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, if an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for an extension of time.
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Dear Sir:

This response is submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 25, 2006, the unextended period for response to which is February 25, 2006.